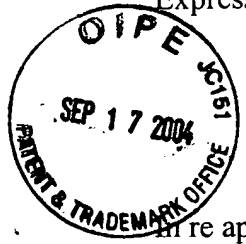


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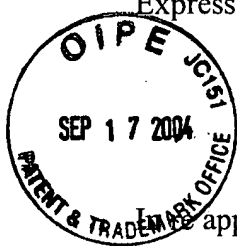
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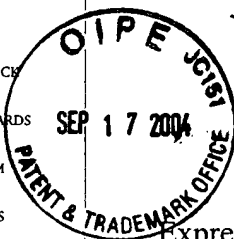
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Transmitted herewith is a Response to Restriction Requirement for entry in the above-identified application.

 X Small entity status for this application is claimed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27.

 To secure the approval of the Examiner for proposed amendments to the drawings, enclosed are the following:

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- ____ Letter to the Official Draftsperson;
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